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Heartbreak over quad bike theft

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Greg picks up special award

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'Our £20k plight over dad in intensive care'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A FAMILY are desperately appealing for cash donations after their dad has been left critically ill abroad.

Father-of-four Ronnie Slade, 62, is in intensive care in a Moldova hospital and specialist doctors there say his best chance of survival is for him to be treated in the UK.

Mr Slade's children, Carly, Laura, Holly and Luke, are now urgently trying to raise the £20,000 needed to get him airlifted back to the UK.

Mr Slade flew out to the Eastern European country shortly after Christmas to visit a friend for a few days. But while there, he contracted a flu virus, which developed into pneumonia and led to further complications.

He is on life support with a serious lung condition that leads to low oxygen levels in the blood.

The family desperately tried to find without success if Mr Slade, from Woburn, had taken out any health insurance.

A reciprocal health agreement between the UK and Moldova ended on New Year's Day, which would have meant if Mr Slade had fallen ill earlier, the cost of his treatment, including a medical flight back to the UK, would have been fully covered.

Carly, 27, from Campbell Park, said: "He is quite good at staying in touch and was updating us on WhatsApp but then we didn't hear from him until my sister received a message on Facebook last Monday saying SOS Ronnie."

The family then worked day and night contacting hospitals, the embassies and the Red Cross to try to find him.

Miss Slade added: "A lady from the Red Cross helped us track him down and the first words I heard from his doctor was that it was 'near terminal'.

"I spoke to a nurse at the hospital who recommended Crowdfunder, a website which helps people raise money for projects.

"My dad would always do his research and book his insurance and he had his E1 11 European Health Card, but we couldn't find anything to help.

"He is still in intensive care after a week and we have been advised by specialist doctors that in order for him to have the best chance possible he needs to be flown back to the UK now."

Using a crowdfunding page the family have raised more than £4,800 in just three days.

Miss Slade said: "It is absolutely blowing me away, I didn't think it would work and felt it was a waste of energy.

"I went from complete lack of hope to some kind of hope."

To donate visit https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/saveronnie

Follow the families' appeal at **onemk.co.uk** and use the Twitter hashtag #SaveRonnie

Happier times: Ronnie Slade with daughters Carly, *right*, and Laura. He is now in a critical condition in hospital in Moldova

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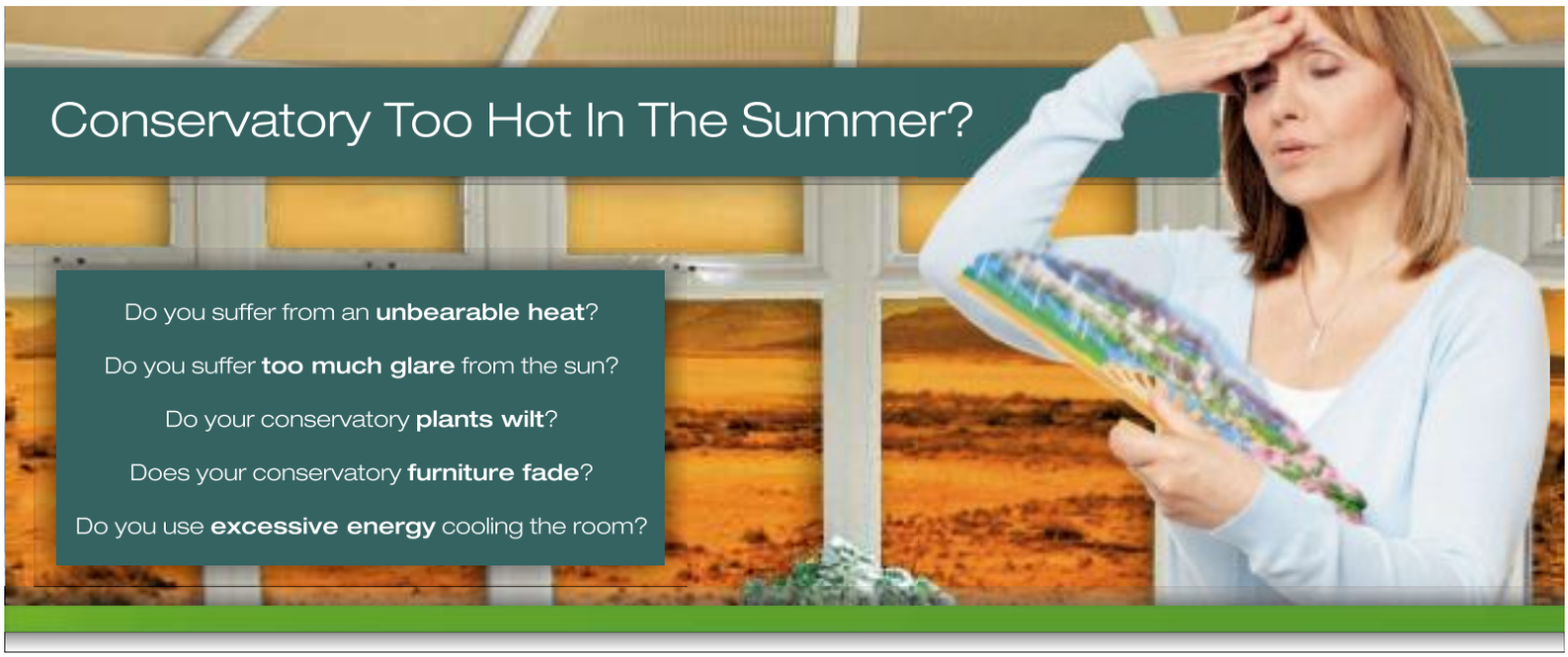

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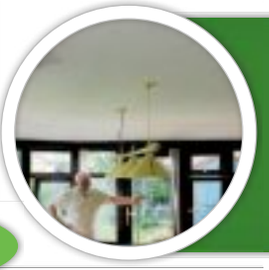

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New advice on keeping children safe

PARENTS and carers in Milton Keynes are to be sent advice on how to keep their children safe from 'radicalisation and extremism'.

The eight-page advice leaflet has been compiled by SaferMK, an organisation made up of partners including Milton Keynes Council, Thames Valley Police and the NHS.

And it has been welcomed by the local Milton Keynes Equality Council, which says it provides answers to 'difficult questions'.

It includes addressing what potential signs parents should look out for if their child has become radicalised and these include secretive behaviour, losing interest in their friends and glorifying violence.

The document says that if parents fear their children may be planning to leave the country, then they 'may want to talk to a local faith or community leader, person of influence or teacher'.

A Milton Keynes Council spokesman said: "Once passed by the SaferMK Partnership there will be a rollout to schools and parents and carers."

Milton Keynes Equality Council's chief executive, Navrita Atwal, said: "Clear guidance has been missing for a long time and this document provides some of the fundamental answers to difficult questions."

Valuation day: Tony Stansfield and Graham Jenner brought in stamps and Dinky toys

A stamp collection valued at £6,000 among discoveries

A STAMP collection worth about £6,000 was one of the finds when auctioneers Lockdales held a valuation day.

The event took place at The Cock Hotel in High Street, Stony Stratford, on Monday.

More than 70 people showed up throughout the four-hour session and took all sorts of items.

One of the main experts at the event, James Sadler, said: "Several old customers popped in to say hello and a good range of gold and silver coins and antiques were brought along, with the best item being a lifetime collection of stamps worth approximately £6,000."

Lockdales will be hosting another valuation day at The Jurys Inn Hotel in Midsummer Boulevard on Friday. The event takes place from 10am until 2pm.

Future of city's CCTV is in doubt

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

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POLICE have recommended cutting funding for CCTV operations, making the future of cameras in Milton Keynes uncertain.

The recommendation comes after the force conducted a region wide review over the past two years.

Now, Milton Keynes Council is exploring the possibility of setting up a county hub in the city, as well as other potential ways to generate income to support future use.

Talking about the prospect of a county hub, a council spokesman said: "This is about looking at CCTV and opportunities to work closer with other local authorities, to explore a more cost-effective system for partners."

There has been a partnership for CCTV in Milton Keynes since 1998 and currently operations are jointly run between Milton Keynes Council and Thames Valley Police.

The council owns the monitoring equipment and most of the cameras.

The authority pays roughly £50,000 a year for the maintenance of the cameras, while Thames Valley Police pays all staff costs – about £210,000 a year.

This arrangement is different to other CCTV control rooms in the Thames Valley area, which are managed by the local authorities that pay most of the staff costs.

There is actually no legal responsibility to have CCTV in Milton Keynes, but council reports and agendas have often described it as extremely useful.

The future of CCTV in Milton Keynes is due to be discussed at a SaferMK Partnership meeting at the council offices tomorrow.

MK NEWS asked the council for more information but was told there was little it could add at the moment. Thames Valley Police did not respond to our questions before going to print.

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MK Midnight Moo 2016: Staff at Intu, Destination MK and Willen Hospice get ready for the event

Be a charity's superhero

MK MIDNIGHT Moo 2016 is going to be 'out of this world' after Willen Hospice chose a superhero theme for this year's event.

The ladies-only midnight walk will take place across 10 miles of redways, starting and finishing at intu Milton Keynes. It will be raising funds to support the end-of-life care provided at Willen Hospice.

This year's Moo will take place on Saturday, July 16 and is also being supported by Destination Milton Keynes and MK NEWS.

Since its launch in 2009, the fundraising walk has raised more than £900,000 to support hospice care in Milton Keynes and the surrounding areas.

The team at Willen hopes this will be the year that the total fundraising for Midnight Moo reaches more than £1million.

Find out how to register at **www.onemk.co.uk**

Tragic teen left notes – inquest

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A TEENAGER who appears to have jumped to his own death on the M1 left a heartfelt note to his parents urging them to let him die if he ended up on a life support machine.

Johnathon McHale, 19, of Wolverton Road, Newport Pagnell, was pronounced dead at 1.15am on Friday, January 8, near Newport Pagnell Service Station.

Mr McHale had left his home address the evening before and headed along to a bridge above the M1, a coroner's court heard on Friday at the opening of the inquest into his death.

The hearing was told that Mr McHale, who was a supermarket assistant at Tesco, 'jumped or dived' onto the carriageway and landed head first before being struck multiple times by vehicles.

Mr McHale, who was born and raised in the city, left two notes behind on his bed explaining what he was about to do. One was addressed to his parents and the other to his former partner.

In the letters, which were described as 'beautiful' in court, Mr McHale was said to 'not have put blame' at anyone's door and that it was his 'lifestyle choice'.

He also added that it was his 'dying wish' that if he ended up on life support after the incident that he didn't want to remain on it.

The former Ousedale School student leaves behind his parents and two sisters.

A full inquest is due to be heard into his death at the same court on Friday, May 6.

MKNEWSBRIEFS

Rape inquiry ends
AN INVESTIGATION into a rape that was alleged to have taken place in Hutton Avenue, Oldbrook, on January 14 has been discontinued.

Business deadline
DRAGONS Den star Deborah Meaden is backing a campaign supported by MK NEWS to help local businesses. The deadline to enter is Friday. Find more details at **onemk.co.uk**

Safety video
JUNIOR Filmmakers is working with Milton Keynes Council on a new road safety video. Read more on this at **onemk.co.uk**

Reassurance over fans' action

MK DONS' executive director has reassured fans that the club will do what it can to stop anti-social behaviour at away matches.

A flare was set off when Dons played Northampton Town on January 9, while there was also trouble in the club's away matches at QPR in November and Brighton and Hove Albion in October.

Andrew Cullen wrote in his programme notes before Saturday's game against Reading: "I wanted to use today's column to reassure all supporters that the club's executive management are working on an action plan."

Dental patients win payout

TWO patients have been compensated for their pain and suffering after their dentist faced legal claims for failing to provide basic standards of treatment.

Dentist Ewa Sliwowska failed to diagnose or treat tooth decay and gum disease in two patients who each went on to suffer significant pain after being treated by her at Beanhill Dental Practice.

Negligence claims were submitted on behalf of both patients by specialists Hudgell Solicitors, with the dentist's insurers eventually agreeing to pay settlements of £5,000 and £11,500.

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Junction action needed

AS A daily user of Waitrose, the Brickhill Street V10 exit is a dangerous turning right, as 60mph traffic is difficult to judge (*'Warning junction will lead to death, MK NEWS, January 13*).

This dangerous junction must be turned into a forced left turn only, leaving the store.

Drivers then only have to drive 300 metres or so to the Brickhill V10 roundabout and do a 360 degree turn as I do if I need to go towards V8 Marlborough Street. It is much safer and sometimes quicker than gambling with traffic doing a 60mph!

Waitrose articulated lorries must approach from the V10 roundabout. Next, double yellow lines need to be put where the parked cars and vans now sit all day because of the two-hour restriction in the car park. Create a long stay car park for these at the far end.

The driving standards in the car park have to be seen to believed. No right and left turns and no entry signs are ignored, resulting in head on situations. Speed limits ignored, shopping trolleys abandoned in the next bay rather than using the trolley parks. As I reverse with a large vehicle into a parking bay, drivers do get annoyed with me at having to wait. Tough.

Peter Jones
Springfield

Estates need overhaul

THERE should be no doubt that a number of our new town's estates are no longer new and need a complete overhaul.

A decade ago, I set in train a full consultation process with residents of Fullers Slade and all of the relevant agencies including CNT, residents' groups and MK Council.

Every penny of likely expenditure was costed and in a vote, the majority of Fullers Slade residents supported the knocking down of the estate bit by bit so that no-one became homeless while their new homes were built.

All was looking good until the Liberal Democrats, who led the council, dropped a massive bombshell and pulled the plug.

This was blatant political shenanigans and in the forthcoming review there has to be full and comprehensive honesty and integrity shown to residents as improvements are debated.

Politicians from whatever party they support have a chance to show they mean business in improving the lot of thousands of their residents.

Sometimes, though, councillors do know what may be needed more than individual residents, so there needs to be full consultation to ensure the best options are considered and the best decisions taken.

Alderman Paul Bartlett
Former Conservative housing spokesman and councillor for Stony Stratford

For more on this turn to pages 22 and 23.

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

FINALLY Milton Keynes could be getting the facelift it so desperately needs.

Following on from my most recent column about the regeneration of the city's 'sink' estates, it looks like Lloyds Court in CMK is next for a spot of TLC.

The iconic quadrant opposite the city centre was one of the first multi-use office and leisure complexes to open in MK.

Recognisable by its famous black horse sculpture, the building has been home to a Lloyds Bank since it opened in the late 70s.

But apart from that, it has never really had very much to offer. A newsagent, a betting shop, a restaurant and even a church, it has always lacked any real identity. When it first opened, it was home to Central Milton Keynes' first ever nightclub, Austens.

For those brave enough to venture through to its inner courtyard, it has an eerie feel of foreboding, like the cloisters of a haunted cathedral, dark and uninviting. It wouldn't surprise me if, at night, the ghosts of dead clubbers could be seen spinning round the courtyard to the sound of Rick Astley's Never Gonna Give You Up.

But the new developers, while maintaining the framework of the building and its original sculpture, have promised to inject more life into the area, making it less attractive to the city's homeless and more appealing for shoppers.

We'll have to wait and see how it develops, but anything would be an improvement on the current state of the site. Who knows, a new 80s nightclub might feature, welcoming disco fans from a bygone era now well into their 50s. Dress code applies; over 21s only. See you there!

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Debut album: Hacktivist have dedicated their new single to The Buszy. Inset: A campaigner protesting against the closure last year

Band made bid to save Buszy

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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MILTON Keynes band Hacktivist tried to save The Buszy in Central Milton Keynes and have dedicated their new single to the former venue for young people.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, Make a Difference, which ran The Buszy, was forced to close the popular centre in November.

The move came after Milton Keynes Development Partnership, owned by Milton Keynes Council, took back control of parking outside the building, which was the source of revenue for The Buszy.

The popular rap metal band have been using their debut album, new video and UK touring dates to relive their memories of the venue where teenagers could meet, skate and learn new skills.

Talking to rock magazine Kerrang about the new single called Buszy, co-vocalist Ben Marvin said: "This song is about partying, tour life and dedication to our H team – living the life we want and not letting anything get in our way.

"Buszy in Milton Keynes is a place we've all grown up with. They used to put club nights on there and there's also a skatepark. It also was used for community projects, but unfortunately it has been shut down by the council in another example of profit over people.

"We did the best we could to keep it going but our voices were unheard. We decided to name our song after it and get a video shoot booked in before it got shut down, so I want people to take away from it the fact that no matter what, you gotta do what you love and you gotta fight for what you believe in. No matter what or who is against you."

Hacktivist will be releasing their album Outside The Box on March 4. To watch their video filmed at The Buszy visit **www.onemk.co.uk**

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Princess Royal visit

THE Princess Royal is due to visit the Citizens Advice Bureau in Midsummer Boulevard next month in her role as patron of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux. For more go to **onemk.co.uk**

Snozone training

CELEBRITIES such as Linford Christie have been training for the Channel 4 series The Jump at Snozone in Xscape. For more TV news visit **onemk.co.uk/tvnews**

Man held in custody

DARREN Stabler, 40, of Buscot Place, Great Holm, has been charged with one count of false imprisonment, one offence of section 18 wounding with intent and one count of theft. He has been remanded in custody and is due to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court on February 15.

Robbery e-fit released

AN E-FIT has been released in connection with a New Year's Day robbery near Loughton.

At about 2.30am, an 18-year-old man was walking with 10 friends through an H6 Childs Way underpass, in Davy Avenue, Knowlhill, when they saw three teenagers with BMX bikes.

One punched the teen, who was briefly knocked unconscious, before one of the victim's friends was also punched.

Two of the offenders pulled out knives and the teen and his friends ran off. A small amount of cash was taken.

Two of the offenders were white, while the another, of mixed race, had a silver tooth in his upper left jaw.

Anyone with information should contact police on 101.

Woman admits council fraud

A BLETCHLEY woman has been left more than £1,000 out of pocket after falsely claiming she was single to reduce her council tax bill.

The law allows councils to give people living alone a 25 per cent discount on their annual bill. But on January 15, Milton Keynes magistrates heard how Karen Adams, 35, claimed the discount despite another adult being registered at her address in Tarbert Close.

Adams, who admitted the fraud, was fined £130 and ordered to pay costs of £150, a victim surcharge of £20 and to pay back the full amount owed of £1,022.79.

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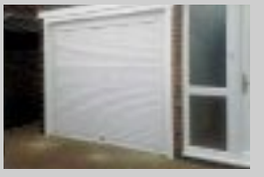

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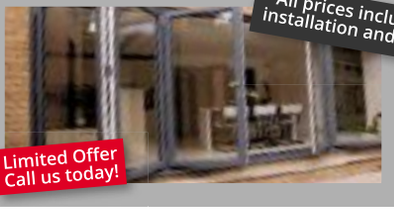

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Expansion to meet student need

THERE are plans to expand a school for pupils with learning difficulties in the city.

An old council building is due to be taken over by The Redway School, which is based in Farmborough, Netherfield.

The building, in nearby Farthing Grove, would house the transition department, which supports teenagers from school to adult life.

The space would help the school teach up to 180 extra students. It is needed due to the city's rising birth rate and the number of people moving here.

In a letter to parents, headteacher Ruth Sylvester said: "Our pupil numbers have risen dramatically over the past few years – we now have 150 pupils on roll and as such space is tight. This is an ideal location."

The headteacher added that if nothing was done, Milton Keynes Council would have to send students outside of the area, which would cost the authority £20,000 a year in school travel costs.

Some structural work is required to the building , which should begin in March.

A consultation is taking place until February 3. To comment email sufficiencyandaccess@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Artist's impression: How the Kents Hill Park school may look

New school will teach 330 pupils

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A NEW school could be built offering an extra 330 places for pupils in Milton Keynes.

A nursery for up to 26 children may also be created at the site in Timbold Drive, Kents Hill, which is next to The Open University.

The school, which would be called Kents Hill Park, would also have associated car and cycle parking, play areas and sports fields for a football pitch and a netball court.

New developments at Kents Hill and Walton mean that the school is needed, according to Milton Keynes Council's design and access statement on its website.

The catchment area would include Caldecotte, Browns Wood, Walnut Tree, Walton and Kents Hill.

The school would include one reception classroom, two rooms for Key Stage One students, eight for Key Stage Two pupils, a hall and small group teaching rooms. A Learning Resource Centre with a library could also be created.

In terms of parking, a drop-off car park will have 55 regular spaces and six disabled ones, while a secure staff car park would hold 36 spaces.

The school will also link to a redway off Timbold Drive.

"Milton Keynes is one of the fastest growing towns in the UK and, therefore, the demand for school places is increasing significantly," said a council spokesman. A new primary school in Kents Hill will contribute to our aim of ensuring that every child in Milton Keynes has access to a good local school place."

A consultation is taking place until February 8. Comment at publicaccess2.milton-keynes.gov.uk

MK College to welcome visitors

MILTON Keynes College is hoping a Saturday date will mean more people will be able to attend its first open event of 2016, which is being held at two of its campuses.

The open day – between 10am and 1pm on Saturday – will allow visitors to see more of the college as both the Chaffron Way and Bletchley campuses will be open.

The college's wide range of full-time courses, which include technical skills-based learning such as construction or catering as well as well as academic subjects like engineering or IT, will be on display.

Expert tutors will also be on hand to explain the benefits of studying at the college and answer any questions.

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Council car found by parking police

MK NEWS' parking police have been out again and on Monday this Milton Keynes Council and INDIGO car was spotted in St John Street, Newport Pagnell. But have you seen worse?

A spokesman said: "The drivers in question have been spoken to."

See more at onemk.co.uk

Day centres are facing closure

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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TWO day centres could close as part of a Milton Keynes Council consultation to modernise learning disability services.

Concerns were raised over the plans at a cabinet meeting at the council's civic offices last Monday.

The plans include the closure of two day centres in Beanhill and Surrey Road, Bletchley, but services for people with multiple learning disability needs in Tower Drive, Neath Hill, and Waddon Way, Bletchley, will still be run by the council.

Councillor Nigel Long, cabinet member responsible for health, stressed the plans were to improve services to give people more choice – not to save money.

The consultation is looking at how short break services are run, direct payments are made to parents and carers and how other services are provided – like day care for adults with learning disabilities.

But one concerned members of the public who attended the meeting, Rob Winton, who is a parent and now a social carer, said: "I came to the last meeting and was dismayed by what was being proposed. It is unthinkable, unworkable and cobbled together and some of these ideas will not work in reality."

Concerns were also raised by the Conservatives, who were worried the cabinet would rush the plans through without ensuring other service providers would be able to offer what the council cannot.

Cllr Long and the cabinet agreed a better transition plan needed to be put in place.

Leader of Milton Keynes Council, Cllr Pete Marland, added: "This is not an overnight transfer of services but a long-term plan."

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Bikes shunned by workers

MK's own Ninja in semi-final

RUEL DaCosta from Shenley Brook End was seen competing in ITV's Ninja Warrior UK on Saturday.

The 30-year-old dad-of-three is the managing director of Paramount Parkour at Kingston Gymnastics Centre.

After falling at the first hurdle in last year's series, Ruel smashed the course in two minutes and 23 seconds and is now into the semi-final. He said: "Doing the show was amazing and has given me a new passion for training."

Amazing: Ruel DaCosta in action on Saturday

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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THE percentage of people in Milton Keynes who cycle or walk to work each day is lower than the national average, despite its network of redways.

Census data reveals 78,900 people in Milton Keynes prefer to drive a car or van to work – 61.8 per cent of those in employment – compared with just 54.2 per cent in England as a whole.

Just 9.8 per cent of workers in Milton Keynes get to work using public transport, significantly less than the 15.9 per cent in England.

A total of 12,600 people in Milton Keynes walk or cycle to work, just 9.9 per cent of those in employment, compared to 12.5 per cent nationally.

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council said: "We are investing £50million into improving roads, redways and footpaths. In addition we are continuing our partnership with British Cycling promoting fun local bikes rides in MK which cover a lot of the redways.

"Usage of the unique redway network is expected to increase this year with the introduction of the Santander cycle loan scheme bringing 60 docking points and 500 cycles for hire to the city."

Last week MK NEWS reported keen cyclist Phil Wareham – who is hoping to set up a redway users' group – has backed our Walk Safe campaign, which promotes use of the city's redways.

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Disabled boy's quad bike taken

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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A MOTHER-OF-FOUR has been left 'absolutely heartbroken' after a thief stole her disabled son's Christmas present.

Irene Ware, 43, of Farthing Grove, Netherfield, and her partner Phil Lee bought nine-year-old Casey, who struggles with mobility, a custom Hawk Moto quad bike to give him some freedom.

But the couple were shocked to return home on January 11 and find the gate to their garden kicked in and the quad bike gone.

Irene said: "Phil and I went out for dinner and we got back about 9pm and the bike was gone. The kids were in bed asleep and our 17-year-old son Jake, who had been looking after them, did not hear anything.

"Casey knows it has gone but has clammed up and won't talk about it – I'm worried he's just bottling it all up. My eight-year-old daughter Maddy has also been left upset.

"The shop has not got any more of that model in stock and if we were going to get a replacement it would be about £180 and that is not possible for us right now."

"I don't understand why anyone would steal from a child, let alone one that is disabled."

Casey suffers from poor muscle tone in his legs, which means he can't walk long distances, and Irene says the quad bike was meant to allow her son to go out and enjoy himself in the summer.

She added: "He is not like other kids who can go out and play – the bike was for him to enjoy some freedom and mobility like a regular nine-year-old boy.

"I'm not looking for anyone to be charged, I just want the bike back."

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Heartbroken: Irene Ware with her son Casey, who had his quad bike stolen

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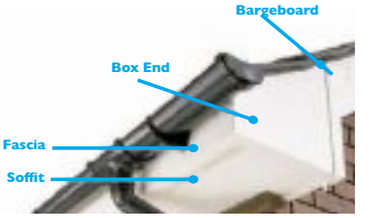

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New moves on funding for wardens

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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RESIDENTS in sheltered houses are being asked to either fund their warden service themselves – or accept a cutback in care.

As previously reported, Milton Keynes Council has backtracked on its original plans to scrap the service in a bid to save £560,000, but alternative proposals are being presented at each sheltered housing scheme.

One proposal is to charge all tenants £18.72 per week to maintain the service full time, while another recommends reducing the provision to a morning or afternoon only in each scheme.

At present, 23 per cent of all tenants pay for the support service with people on housing benefit being currently exempt.

After hearing the alternative proposals, residents at Chartwell Road in Newport Pagnell raised concerns about the affordability and the quality of the service if the proposals were adopted.

June Wyndham-Smith, 74, said: "People have lived here all of their lives and this is support they are entitled to. I know when I have fallen over, our warden was quick to help me up and I value her help ever so much – she provides a friendly face. It is not a service that can be run part-time."

Mary Dalkin, 83, added: "If they take our warden, I do not know what we would do."

Consultation is open until January 31. Email letstalk budgetmk@milton-keynes.gov.uk leave comments at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/consultations or write to Communications, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ.

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Cool creatures: Pictures of some of the animals enjoying the snow at the park and the new safari lodge is now open to businesses and for weddings and parties

Animal treats during first winter snow

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THE animals at Woburn Safari Park, near Milton Keynes, enjoyed the first snow of winter on Sunday, captured in these great photos.

The lions, tigers, wolves, bears and camels were all spotted in their new white enclosures and their keepers gave them extra food to keep them warm and happy in the snow.

The white stuff arrived in the same week MK NEWS was given a sneak peak around the recently-refurbished safari lodge at the park.

The redesigned building is situated amid the animal enclosures for the meerkats, otters and seals.

The park hopes the new venue, featuring better technology, food and packages, will attract more businesses looking for a venue with a difference for meetings. And with views overlooking the Swan Lake and a new veranda, residents are being invited to have a wild wedding.

■ See more about the animals and the venue at onemk.co.uk

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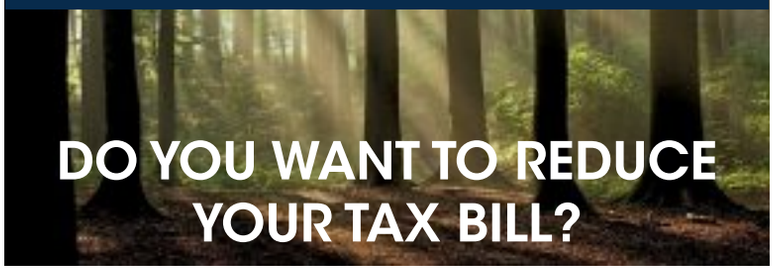

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Scheme to build 146 apartments

AN APPLICATION to build nearly 150 apartments in a new eight-storey building has been submitted to Milton Keynes Council.

The plans are for a single building on land at 809 to 811 Silbury Boulevard, which currently has disused buildings on it.

There would be 146 apartments as well as a common lounge and the possibility for shops, restaurants and various other facilities on the ground floor.

Application: An artist's impression of the Silbury Boulevard scheme for 146 apartments

Project 'to bring back city's pioneering spark'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A PIONEERING project is being planned to reinforce MK as being at the forefront of housing development.

Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP) wants to use new technologies to speed up construction and deliver quality homes.

The project would seek to attract innovative property designs from local, regional, national and international companies delivering a mix of apartments, town houses, detached and semi-detached homes of different sizes.

Charles Macdonald, chief executive of MKDP, said it wants to create a scheme looking at new technologies that 'will be focused on how you build quicker, better, more efficiently, with higher environmental credentials that can be off-grid and use their own power sources'.

The plan would be to have the scheme either completed, or under construction, by 2017 for the 50th anniversary of Milton Keynes.

Mr Macdonald said after the project's completion there would be an exhibition – the Homeworld50 festival in Campbell Park – reinforcing Milton Keynes as being at the forefront of housing development. "It will be to show the rest of the UK that Milton Keynes is forward-thinking. We want to push the opportunities with the residential sector. This is an exhibition that's going to demonstrate to the house builders what is possible and nudge the bar up in terms of our expectations," he added.

This opinion was shared by Pete Marland, leader of Milton Keynes Council, who at a cabinet meeting last Monday, added: "This will bring the pioneering spark back to Milton Keynes."

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- **Many of the homes in the areas aren't brick-built, unlike estates such as Fishermead and Conniburrow. They are built from a mixture of reinforced concrete slabs, corrugated metal and breeze blocks.**
- **The council has also looked at how many people in the area are unemployed and need employment -related skills.**
- **The life expectancy in some estates is more than 10 years less than in others, so the council feels it needs to do something to improve this in these areas.**

Then and now: Netherfield today and how it looked in the 1970s courtesy of the Living Archive MK – www.livingarchive.org.uk

Residents' group chairman tells of homes relief

THE chairman of Fishermead Residents' Association has spoken of his relief that his estate was not chosen for regeneration by Milton Keynes Council.

Terry Baines has criticised the council's possible regeneration of estates in Milton Keynes, while also insisting they are only 'pie-in-the-sky' ideas at present.

But after some readers questioned why Fishermead was not among the estates earmarked for regeneration, he spoke of his relief that it was not on the list.

He said: "Fishermead is different to the estates on the list – it's primarily brick-built and it's in a reasonably good condition. I'm not in favour of total regeneration. My estate isn't involved and thank god, my residents are very relieved as well."

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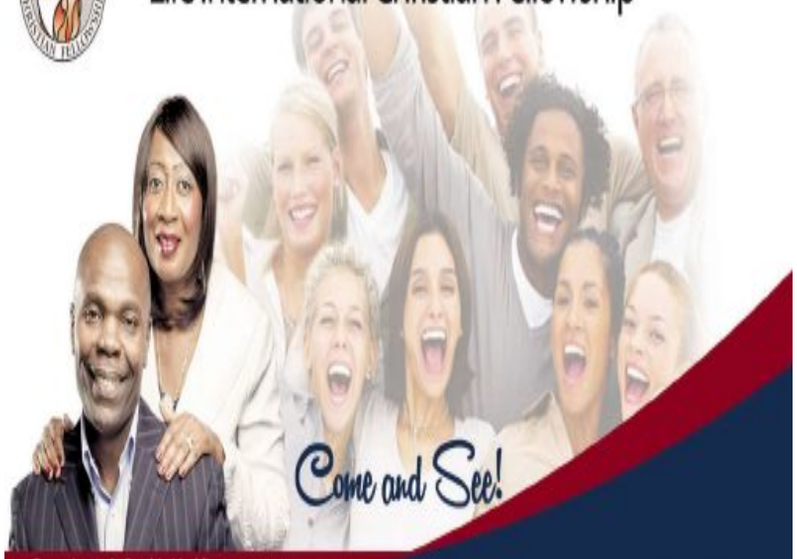

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Councillor gives pledge on estate

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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Assurance: 'No full-scale redevelopment of the Lakes Estate'

A COUNCILLOR has assured residents in his ward their homes will not be demolished as part of Milton Keynes Council's regeneration project.

Councillor Alan Webb, who represents Bletchley East, has said the Lakes Estate will not see full-scale redevelopment under the RegenerationMK project.

Instead, he is certain only Serpentine Court will be rebuilt and this may not happen for a few years.

Last week, MK NEWS reported seven estates – Beanhill, Coffee Hall, Fullers Slade, Lakes Estate, Netherfield, North Bradville and Tinkers Bridge – have been earmarked for regeneration by Milton Keynes Council and up to three of them could be completely rebuilt.

Cllr Webb said: "There will be no full-scale redevelopment on the Lakes Estate apart from, eventually, the replacement of Serpentine Court."

Those living in the court would be rehoused before any rebuilding work began.

There has been some recent work done to council homes on the Lakes Estate, which saw double-glazing fitted.

"The estate has had the warmer homes programmes one and two, which is now complete, on all council houses except Serpentine Court," said Cllr Webb.

"Some money that was left over from the warmer homes programme was used to open up the streetscape by knocking down some of the unused garages and I hope to see the rest of the unused garages taken down when the money is there."

Cllr Webb also had a message for the people living in Serpentine Court itself. He said: "I want to reassure the people of Serpentine that any remedial works that need to be carried out will be carried out and they won't suffer any longer than necessary."

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Minister's green light for vehicle testing lab

BY SARAH LEE
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Visit: Intertek Milton Keynes test laboratory was opened by Minister of State for Transport, Robert Goodwill

THE Minister of State for Transport opened the UK's largest electric and hybrid vehicle test laboratory at Intertek Milton Keynes on Thursday.

The new state-of-the-art laboratory at the company's car engine testing facility boasts some of the UK's best equipment and battery simulators that support some of the largest car manufacturers in the UK, including Jaguar, Land Rover and BMW.

Robert Goodwill MP said: "This impressive facility shows how the industry, with our support, is creating highly-skilled jobs and opportunities, not just in Milton Keynes, but across the whole automotive sector.

"It makes perfect sense that global companies like Intertek would choose to expand their UK base when we are the largest market for ultra-low emission vehicles in Europe. We are backing the industry with a £600million investment until 2020 to ensure every new UK car and van is a zero emission vehicle by 2040."

The new facility, based in Tanners Drive, Blakelands, was created to support the increased demand for electric and hybrid cars and tougher rules on air quality emissions and CO2 reduction in future vehicles.

Tony Braddon, MD of Intertek Milton Keynes, said: "Intertek is privileged to work in partnership with the best of Britain's automotive manufacturing industry to test and develop their vehicles' powertrains to ensure they are the best they can be.

"Working together, Intertek has recognised that the future of the automotive industry is changing and moving into a high-tech future where the use of internal combustion engines is being augmented and superseded by hybrid technology, batteries and electric motors."

Presentation: Long jump champion Greg Rutherford with his girlfriend Susie Verrill, son Milo and the award

Special award for an 'athletics icon'

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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WORLD, Olympic and European long jump champion Greg Rutherford has been presented with a special award by Milton Keynes Council for his sporting achievements.

Greg's family, who were part of a packed gallery applauding the 29-year-old, heard council leader Pete Marland tell him: "It is fantastic you have achieved such iconic status and my son will aspire to be like you.

"Thank you for putting Milton Keynes on the map."

The Mayor of Milton Keynes, Councillor Keith McLean, presented the Woburn-based long jumper with a statue styled after the Leaping Man roundabout on the A421.

Upon receiving the statue, Greg, who was made an MBE for services to athletics in the New Year Honours list in 2013, said: "I'm just a local boy and to now stand in front of you all here like this makes me and my family proud. It is lovely to hear such kind words.

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New reusable sacks plan 'looks dodgy'

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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MILTON Keynes Council has released details of the reusable bags that will be trialled in parts of the city as a potential replacement for pink sacks.

As MK NEWS reported last week, parts of Beanhill have been chosen to trial the reusable replacements ahead of a decision on whether to use them across the rest of the city.

The blue bags have a capacity of up to 15kgs, measure 40cm x 35cm x 40cm and are made of a strong woven fabric, similar to 'builders' bags'.

But the leader of the Conservative group in Milton Keynes feels the bags are too small and could end up costing the council more money if it needs to offer more bags to households.

Councillor Edith Bald told MK NEWS: "The reusable sacks are more like a rucksack and one certainly won't be enough for most households. Where will they be stored? They are going to get wet and soggy outside and won't be good in the kitchen. Three would be more like it, which will double the cost to £1million. Add to that the need to replace 10 per cent a year and the likely impact on reduced recycling and increased landfill charges and this proposal is looking decidedly dodgy."

The bags are fitted with a weight in the bottom to stop them blowing away and a lid which fastens with Velcro to keep the contents securely inside.

The same items which currently go in the pink sacks can go in the strong bags – which will be collected from outside homes every week.

Councillor Mick Legg, cabinet member responsible for environment and waste, said: "We hope the bags will prove to be far more convenient for householders and reduce the amount of debris in our streets resulting from animals and birds attacking pink sacks."

Trial: Reusable blue bags are set to replace pink sacks in parts of Beanhill

WHAT YOU SAID:

Rachel Simpson Morse: "Lots of counties have wheelie bins why can't we? Keeps rubbish from blowing about, less chance of wildlife and other animals ripping bags open. Lasts longer than bags. Less money spent in long run."
Tim Gomm: "Every other council I've lived under give you boxes. Simple and easy!"
Christine Cooper: "What's wrong with a wheelie bin or a box? Both totally reusable. These bags are not big enough so people will need more and they will still need to be replaced regularly. These won't fit inside any sort of bin or container in the house either – and if they aren't handy people won't use them."

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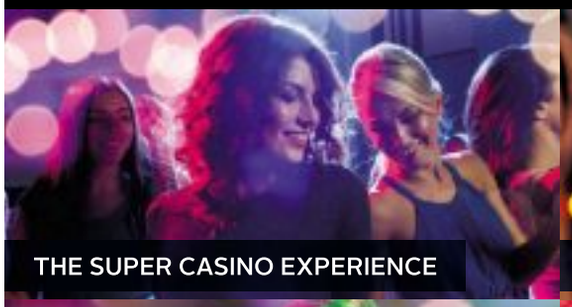

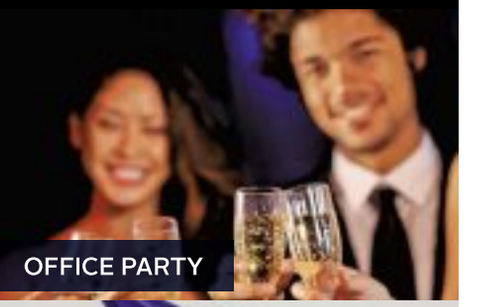

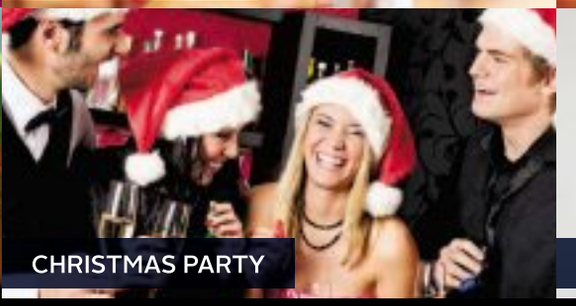

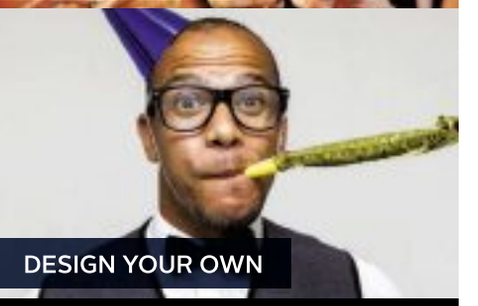

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Hall takes chequered flag for model racing

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MODEL racing car drivers from around the world descended on the centre:mk to take part in a competition at the weekend.

Drivers from America, Japan, Germany, Finland and other countries tested their skills against each other on the 500sqm track, racing at speeds of up to 60mph, in the Global Radio Car Racing Championship.

A lot of Formula One drivers – including Lewis Hamilton – started off racing these model cars, with the engineering of the vehicles done in very much the same way as their larger cousins.

Juho Levanen, who travelled from Finland for the event in Middleton Hall, said it was great that members of the public had been exposed to the sport.

"The track is really nice and so are all the facilities," he said. "The place for the races is awesome. Often we are in sports halls, so it's great that there are a lot of people walking past and the exposure is good."

Pit stop: Racing drivers working on their model cars

Members of the public had the chance to race cars, while there were stalls selling top-of-the-range models and devices.

On Friday, students from Walton High and Denbigh School were given exclusive seminars from racing experts on engineering in car production.

Jim Spencer, teasurer for the British Radio Car Association (BRCA) which organised the event, said the venue was brilliant.

"It's a fantastic venue and it's a really good opportunity for us to take our sport to the public."

Shaun Rhodes, head of marketing at the centre:mk said: "We loved having the BRCA's show. It was a fantastic opportunity to put the spotlight on Milton Keynes."

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‘Stay strong in body and mind’

BY SARAH LEE
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MILTON Keynes mayor Keith McLean is spearheading a campaign to help people have a healthier and happier 2016.

Cllr McLean, a well-known rugby and all-round sporting fan, is hosting Wellness Day at the Civic Offices today.

The event is open to all and there is no charge for attending.

People will be able to have their blood pressure checked, try out state-of-the-art gym equipment and receive moral support to encourage them through Dry January and other healthy initiatives, among other attractions being offered at the session.

Cllr McLean said: “The dark winter nights are – slowly – drawing out again and, although many people may find their New Year’s Resolutions waning, we hope to give them some moral support to stay strong, in body and mind.”

Wellness Day is an event not only to raise awareness of various health issues, but is also aimed at raising the profile of the mayor’s two charities – Royal British Legion and the Milton Keynes Hospital Charity.

At the Wellness Day event there will also be a raffle, with all proceeds going to the charities.

Prizes will include a membership to The Gym and a family MK Dons voucher (for two adults and two children) to attend a league match this season.

Wellness Day takes place from midday to 3pm. For further details contact mayorsoffice@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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Call for designs: local artists are wanted for a project in Wolverton. Pictured, *from left*, are Steve Eyers, Alan Entwistle, Hilary Saunders and Roger Kitchen next to the wall that will display the chosen design

'Gateway' challenge

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
editor@mk-news.co.uk

LOCAL artists from Milton Keynes are being challenged to design a metal cut-out or silhouette to represent Wolverton and serve as a 'gateway' to the town.

Wolverton Society for Arts and Heritage (WSAH) is co-ordinating the project and a total of £1,000 is on offer for the design and manufacture of the successful proposal.

The artwork will be fixed to the white wall by the town hall in Creed Street and the design should cover the height and length of the wall.

The project has received the blessing of local businessman Taj Raja, who owns the neighbouring premises and the wall.

Hilary Saunders, secretary of WSAH, said: "We want it to be a gateway to the town that will have an impact – people will see it when they enter Wolverton and it will keep the area looking good.

"Artists will need to come and look at the site for the dimensions and they will need to research the history of the town hall and Wolverton.

"But it could be something that shows Wolverton's future, rather than just the area's heritage."

Artists can simply draw the design and work with a metal worker on their idea, or be responsible for both the design and production of the artwork.

Proposals for the site should be handed in at the town hall office by February 19, in an envelope entitled WSAH Art Project.

Designs will be reviewed and a shortlist drawn up, after which artists will be invited to discuss their plans with members of WSAH.

It is hoped that the artwork will be in place along the wall by the summer.

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Ballet is a real beauty

WHETHER you're a long-standing dance devotee or a nervous novice, Matthew Bourne's dazzling production of Sleeping Beauty is a must.

It has won the hearts of thousands of fans and smashed box office records across the UK and the US with its sumptuous sets and costumes, evocative lighting and masterly storytelling.

Chris Trenfield plays Leo in the ballet and he is looking forward to returning to Milton Keynes Theatre in a lead role he helped co-create.

"This is the second time I've done the role and it's really nice to revisit a role that I can bring new things to," he said.

"There is so much more freedom when you co-create a role.

"The show is very fast-paced and there are lots of highs and lows."

Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty will be at the theatre from Tuesday until Saturday, January 30.

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ravenyereturn

RAVENEYE will perform at MKII in Kiln Farm on Friday.

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Rock and the blues are the theme you can expect from the band, which was formed in 2014 by multi-award winning guitarist and singer Oli Brown along with drummer Kev Hickman and Aussie bassist Aaron Spiers.

The performance takes place at 7.30pm and tickets, which cost £5.50, are available at www.seetickets.com.

GOLDENEYE duck were spotted on South Willen Lake on New Year's Eve by The Parks Trust's bio-diversity officer, Martin Kincaid. In this week's MK LIFE column he tells us more

IN THE UK we have more than 30 species of wildfowl, many of which can be seen on our lakes in Milton Keynes during winter. We use the word wildfowl to describe wild duck, geese and swans.

In Milton Keynes, resident species like the mallard, gadwall and tufted duck are joined by winter visitors that include the pochard, wigeon, teal, shoveler and goldeneye.

While visiting Willen Lake and Caldecotte Lake keep your eye out for the goosander (the largest British duck species). The male bird has a distinctive white/pinkish flush and bottle-green head.

Wild geese are rare in Milton Keynes, although we do have feral groups of Canada and greylag geese and occasional visits from barnacle geese. During a cold winter, rare species can turn up such as a smew, scaup and sometimes whooper swans. Concentrations of great crested grebes can also arrive, particularly at North Willen Lake.

One of the best places to observe wildfowl is Linford Lakes Nature Reserve. Please note access to this nature reserve is for permit holders only. However, there is an open day on Sunday, February 21 from 10am-4pm. Three hides will be open to the public and volunteers will be on hand to show people the birds.

This is a good opportunity to take up a new hobby while observing a variety of winter wildfowl; you may spot a kingfisher too!

Find out more at www.theparkstrust.com

tastefuljazz

RENOWNED restaurant critic, Masterchef judge and presenter of The Kitchen Cabinet on BBC Radio 4, Jay Rayner will be showcasing another skill at The Stables on Saturday.

He will be playing jazz tunes on the piano when he brings The Jay Rayner Quartet: Songs of Food and Agony to the stage, featuring a host of top musicians performing songs from the Great American food and drink songbook.

Tickets for the 8pm show, which will see singer Pat Gordon Smith, bassist Robert Rickenberg and saxophonist Dave Lewis, cost £18 from www.stables.org

burlesquenight

A NEW event is coming to WonderWorld on Saturday and you can-can get tickets online to see it.

Burlesque performers will arrive in the city to put on a show, which will see the night filled with sophisticated tease, music and comedy, with doors opening at 6.30pm and the show starting at 8.15pm.

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holidaycircus

THE award-winning John Lawson's Circus will make its return to Frosts Garden Centre in Woburn Sands this February half-term.

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classicalconcert

ONE of the UK's most talented violinists, Madeleine Mitchell, is to perform in a special classical concert at The Church of Christ the Cornerstone in CMK.

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They will perform Beethoven – Violin Sonata no.2 in A, Ravel – Violin Sonata no.1 op. posthumous and Faure – Violin Sonata no.1 in A.

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punkperformance

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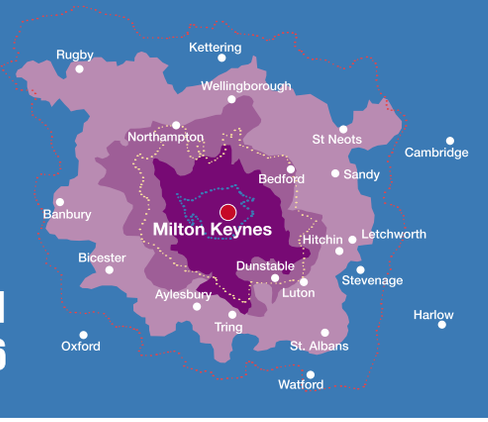

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Wednesday, January 20, 2016

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The ground floor accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge with inglenook fireplace, dining room, family room, study, kitchen/breakfast room and utility room.

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The property further benefits from a separate annexe with private entrance that comprises an open-plan lounge and kitchen, bedroom and en-suite facility.

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Loughton

- Detached Property
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- Cul-de-Sac Location
- No Chain

Situated on a cul-de-sac in the popular location of Loughton and benefitting from being close to local transport links is this four bedroom modern detached family property.

£495,000

Medbourne

- Well Presented Family Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Two En-Suites
- Three Reception Rooms
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£475,000

Oakridge Park

- Immaculately Presented Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Fully Enclosed Rear Garden

An immaculately presented four bedroom detached property in Oakridge Park built approximately five years ago. The property comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast/family room and downstairs cloakroom.

Guide Price £450,000

Newton Leys

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Five Bathrooms
- Garden & Garage

An immaculately presented five bedroom detached property in the new development of Newton Leys overlooking countryside. The property was built to a very high standard in 2012 and has been improved by the current owners.

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- Four Bedrooms
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Front & Rear Gardens

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Having been extended in recent years, Taylors Estate Agents are delighted to offer for sale this spacious detached residence offering flexible accommodation throughout further benefiting from gas to radiator heating, gardens and a garage.

Bradwell Common

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Double Garage & Parking
- No Onward Chain

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Crownhill £340,000

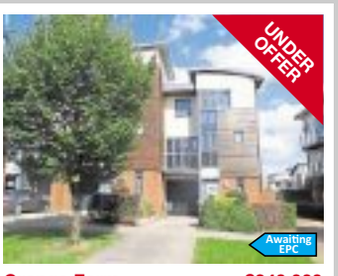
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Garden, Garage & Off Road Parking
- Viewing is Recommended

Pennyland £250,000

- End Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Good Condition Throughout
- Landscaped Garden
- Off Road Parking

Broughton £340,000

- Link Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- En-Suite & Family Bathroom



Grange Farm £340,000

- End Terraced Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Two En-Suites
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner

Milton Keynes £290,000

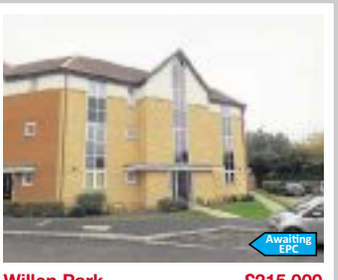
- Upper Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Kitchen/Diner
- Popular Location

Ashland £235,000

- Detached Coach House
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- En-Suite to Master

Furzton £215,000

- Two Bedroom Property
- Close to Town Centre
- Gardens & Off Road Parking
- No Chain

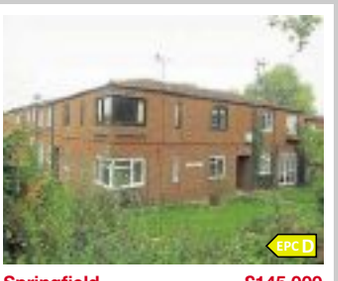


Willen Park £215,000

- Top Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Open Plan Living Area

Coffee Hall £185,000

- Terraced Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- No Chain



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- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Rear Garden
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Close to Local Amenities
- Viewing Recommended

Stony Stratford **£210,000**

- Semi Detached Property
- Well Presented
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gardens & Garage
- Close to Local Amenities
- Viewing Recommended
- Call Branch for Details

Hanslope **£260,000**

- Extended Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Off Road Parking
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Hanslope **£330,000**

- Detached Property
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Wilson Peacock are delighted to offer for sale this four bedroom detached property in Crownhill. The property benefits from gas to radiator heating and a detached double garage.

Oakridge Park £325,000

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Broughton £264,995

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Stantonbury £230,000

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Fishermead £225,000

Wilson Peacock are delighted to offer for sale this three bedroom terraced property in Fishermead. The property benefits from uPVC double glazed windows and gas to radiator heating.

Bletchley OIEO £220,000

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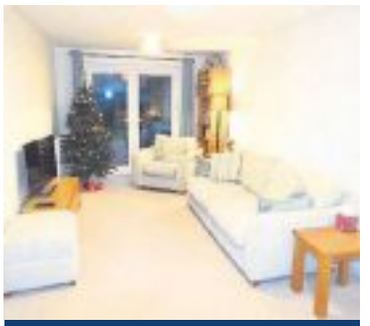
Newport Pagnell **£340,000**

Wilson Peacock are proud to present this three bedroom link detached family home situated in the sought after location of Newport Pagnell. This property boasts a recent boiler, spacious mature gardens, a wealth of storage space and comprises cloakroom, pantry, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, family bathroom, driveway and a large rear garden.



Newport Pagnell **£349,999**

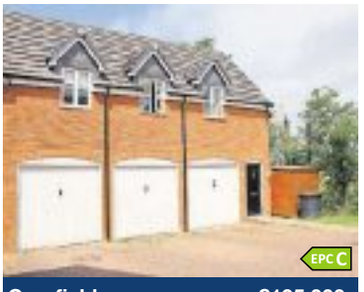
A well presented three bedroom detached property. This home has been greatly improved by the current owners boasting plaster finish walls and ceilings throughout, Karndean flooring, a large single storey extension and a luxury re-fitted kitchen.

Newport Pagnell **£275,000**

A three bedroom family home situated in Newport Pagnell. This home benefits from a large driveway, garage, scope for extension and in brief comprises lounge/diner, kitchen, conservatory, bathroom, garage and rear garden.

Newport Pagnell **£275,000**

A beautifully presented three bedroom semi detached home, located on the Poets estate of Newport Pagnell. The home benefits from a top location opposite Portfields school.



Cranfield **£195,000**

We are proud to offer this modern detached coach house situated in Cranfield. In brief the property comprises hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, lobby, two bedrooms and off road parking.

Newport Pagnell **£195,000**

A two bedroom bay fronted ground floor character apartment. This home is situated in the heart of Newport Pagnell and in brief comprises lounge, kitchen/diner and private off road parking.

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Gainsborough Close, Grange Farm MK8 — £385,000

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Hexham Gardens, Milton Keynes — £275,000

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Broadlands, Netherfield — £159,950

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Interview Date: 10th February 2016

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Interviews:
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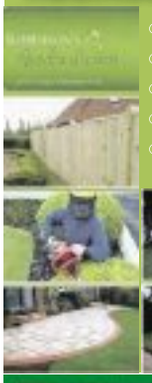
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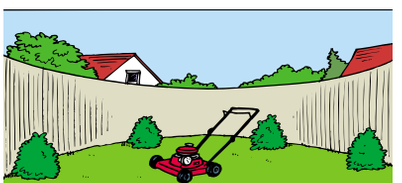
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (MILL STREET, NEWPORT PAGNELL) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along Mill Street, Newport Pagnell in its entirety. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 8th February 2016 until 10th February 2016.

Whilst the above length of road is closed there will be no alternative route as Mill Street is a dead end road.

Access to properties along Mill Street will be maintained at all times.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 8th February 2016 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

(BRIDGE 87/BRIDLEWAY, PEARTREE BRIDGE) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles and pedestrians from entering, waiting or proceeding along Bridge 87 and its adjoining footpath and bridleway. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 1st February 2016.

Whilst the above paths are closed the alternative route will be via the Canal Towpath and Waterside.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of path.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 1st February 2016 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(A421 REDWAY (PART), MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 19th January 2016 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any access to or along the length of the redway running along the eastbound carriageway of the A421 that links A5130 Newport Road and Fen Street, whilst excavation works are being carried out near to the said redway.

It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 25th January 2016 and shall continue in effect for a period of 14 weeks or until the works have been completed, whichever shall be the earlier.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The closure will take effect at times during the above period **only** when works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

Whilst the redway is closed the diversion route for pedestrians will be via the redway that runs parallel to the A5130 Newport Road and the footways that run parallel to Crossley Drive and Fen Street (and vice versa).

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of footpath.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(VARIOUS ROADS AND FOOTPATHS IN EMBERTON, NEWTON BLOSSOMVILLE, BRADWELL AND BLETCHLEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURES) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 19th January 2016 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians and vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road or footpaths in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

28th January 2016

- **Hardmead Road, Newton Blossomville** – 150 metres from its junction with Clifton Road

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Clifton Road, the unnamed road that links Clifton Road and Newton Road, A509, A422 Newport Road and the unnamed road that links A422 Newport Road and Hardmead Road (and vice versa).
- **Olney Road, Emberton** – Between it's junctions with Harvey Drive and Hulton Drive.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via High Street and the A509 (and vice versa).
- **Newport Road, Emberton** – Outside number 8 Newport Road.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Prospect Place and the A509 (and visa versa).

2nd February 2016

- **Colley Hill, Bradwell** – Between its junctions with Monks Way and Loughton Road.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Rawlins Road, V6 Grafton Street and H3 Monks Way.
- **The footpath that links Sinclair Court with Spenlows Road**

  Whilst the above length of footpath is closed the alternative route will be via footpaths parallel to Watling Street, Melrose Avenue and Spenlows Road (and vice versa).

The above closures will be implemented from the 27th January 2016 on the above dates for a maximum period of 4 hours or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists and pedestrians of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 27th January 2016 and will expire on 27th April 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to business or residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(VARIOUS ROADS IN EMBERTON, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES, KINGSTON, SHENLEY CHURCH END, BOW BRICKHILL AND BLETCHLEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURES) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians and vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

3rd February 2016

- **Petsoe End, Emberton** – At the entrance to 1 Charity Cottage

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the there will be no alternative route as it is a dead end road. Access to properties will be maintained during the closure.

4th February 2016

- **Third Avenue, Bletchley** – Between its junctions with First Avenue and Denbigh Road.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Denbigh Road and First Avenue.
- **First Avenue, Bletchley** – Between its junctions with Third Avenue and James Way

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Third Avenue and Denbigh Road (and vice versa).

  First Avenue and Third Avenue will not be closed simultaneously.
- **Staple Hall Road, Bletchley** – Between its junctions with Rhondda Close and Simpson Road

  Whilst the above road is closed the alternative route will be via Bilton Road, Watling Street and Simpson Road.
- **Whaddon Way, Bletchley** – Between its junctions with Warwick Road and Shenley Road.

  Whilst the above road is closed the alternative route will be via Warwick Road, Dover Gate and Shenley Road.

5th February 2016

- **Pigott Drive, Shenley Church End** – Between its junctions with Selby Grove and Fulmer Street

  Whilst the above road is closed the alternative route will be via Fulmer Street, H6 Childs Way and Selby Grove.

6th February 2016

- **Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes** – Central junction between Lower Eighth Street and South Eighth Street.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Avebury Boulevard and Saxon Gate (North toward Lower Eighth Street). The alternative route travelling to South Eighth Street will be via Avebury Boulevard and the central junction linking Lower Tenth Street and South Tenth Street.

7th February 2016

- **Winchester Circle, Kingston** – Westbound carriageway on its northern roundabout

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Lasborough Road and Chippenham Drive.
- **Winchester Circle, Kingston** – The southern roundabout exit to H8 Standing Way.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Standing Way, Lasborough Road and Winchester Circle.
- **Chippenham Drive, Kingston** – Between its junctions with V11 Tongwell Street and Mandeville Drive

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Mandeville Road, H7 Chaffron Way and V11 Tongwell Street Access to commercial properties will be maintained.
- **Mandeville Drive, Kingston** – Between its junctions with Maidstone Road and Chippenham Drive.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Maidstone Road and Chippenham Drive.

  The above closures in Kingston on 7th February 2016 will not take place simultaneously.

10th February 2016

- **Brickhill Street, Bow Brickhill** – Between the level crossing and Brickhill Street's junction with Station

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via H10 Bletcham Way, A5 and Brickhill Street

The above closures will be implemented from the 3rd February 2016 on the above dates for a maximum period of 4 hours or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists and pedestrians of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 3rd February 2016 and will expire on 3rd May 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to business or residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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20 January 2016
Tony Toynton
Service Director – Public Realm

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning and Transport Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/03203/FUL	Demolition of existing detached garage, erection of new detached garage with room in roof at Colville House, Lovat Street, Newport Pagnell.
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/02744/ADV	Advertisement consent for 2 fascia signs and 2 externally illuminated hanging signs at Worksmart House, 41-43 Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell.
15/03081/LBC	Listed building consent for renovation of existing public house and beer garden including internal alterations, demolition of rear extension, erection of single storey rear extension and an extension over the adjoining car park of number 22 at 18-20 St John Street, Newport Pagnell.
15/03080/FUL	Renovation of existing public house and beer garden including internal alterations, demolition of rear extension, erection of single storey rear extension and an extension over the adjoining car park of number 22 at 18-20 St John Street, Newport Pagnell.
15/03116/FUL	Installation of 32 solar panels at Wyvern School, Aylesbury Street, Wolverton.
15/03174/FUL	Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of two storey rear extension to provide 7 new bedrooms on the rear of existing public house at The Old George, 41 High Street, Stony Stratford.
15/03175/LBC	Listed building consent for the demolition of an existing single storey rear extension and the erection of a two storey rear extension to provide 7 new bedrooms on the rear of an existing public house at The Old George, 41 High Street, Stony Stratford.

ANNA ROSE
SERVICE DIRECTOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

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Department for Transport

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State gives notice of an Order made under Section 247 of the above Act entitled "The Stopping up of Highway (South East) (No. 54) Order 2015" authorising the stopping up of two part-widths of the unnamed access roads leading off Avebury Boulevard, to the west of Lower Fourth Street, at Milton Keynes in the Borough of Milton Keynes to enable development as permitted by Milton Keynes Council, reference 15/01059/FUL.

Copies of the Order may be obtained, free of charge, from the Secretary of State, National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AR or nationalcasework@dft.gsi.gov.uk (quoting NATTRAN/SE/S247/1942) and may be inspected during normal opening hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ.

Any person aggrieved by or desiring to question the validity of or any provision within the Order, on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the above Act or that any requirement or regulation made has not been complied with, may, within 6 weeks of 20 January 2016 apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or of any provision included.

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KATIE 35yrs, slender well educated brunette seeks no strings mutual pleasure with gent 40+ Must be discreet, married or single. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3000 Box: 419673**

TRISHA, 44, tall slim dark haired sporty female, OHAC, solvent, affectionate, working, WLTM male up to 50yrs for mutual interests and romantic dates in/out. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420755**

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CHRIS, 67, brunette, cuddly, WLTM caring, kind gentleman, for days out, meals out, walks etc and for just being together. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420667**

JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. **Tel: No: 0906 515 3008 Box: 409715**

SHARON, 38, slim size 10 blonde, horsy, loves nights out, looking for new adventures with tall, dark, fit considerate male to look after. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420727**

LUCY first time advertiser, 32yrs, tall slim blonde airline worker, seeks discreet gent, any status for casual fling. Looks/age unimportant. **Tel: 0906 515 3024 Box: 420237**

GILLY, 36, green eyed red haired nurse looking to start a new life with similar lonely male also looking for genuine love. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420713**

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TRACY, 41, mum of two, blonde, slim, attractive, tactile and very sexy for age, WLTM male 30-50yrs for LTR, single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420699**

SALLY, 24yrs tall brunette with feminine curves seeks mature older chap, 35+ for discreet fun only, must be experienced. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3028 Box: 420247**

TRACY, 41yrs, married but bored, seeking some stimulating fun with chap any age. **Text only. Box 4073958**

JULIE big blue eyed blonde size 12 glamorous granny, 40's, likes a good film with a nice wine, walking, meals out, seaside, seeking young at heart male 40-55yrs **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420683**

STACY, 39yrs, husband away, give me a call, I am cold and lonely this winter. **Text only. Box 4146451**

JENNY, 65, likes fishing and camping, seaside, gardening, animals, looking for a male between 55-80, in Milton Keynes or surrounding areas. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419553**

IONA, 51yrs, very young looking and ready for some fun times. You should be over 35yrs and up for a laugh. Text only. **Box 4012712**

DENISE 40, very attractive, homely but definitely not boring, watch me salsa then I will cook! Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420613**

SUZANNE, 44, first time advertiser very lonely and looking for love with considerate, loyal male with lots of love to give and GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420589**

KAREN 38 slim and attractive seeking confident professional for companionship, status/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420561**

CHRISTINA, 52, from Trinidad, looking for someone of similar age who is single, kind and honest, and would like to migrate to Trinidad. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420507**

NEAVE, 30yrs loving petite female who loves to wear heels, looking for fun times and nights out with confident male. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420489**

DEBBIE, 41, attractive young looking divorced female, seeking male who wants but does not need a special someone in their life, single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420473**

JUDY slim blue eyed blonde, 35yrs, great fun, intelligent, educated, N/S, seeks witty guy for gym dates, friendship and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420443**

EMMA pretty 30yr old Scottish lassie, new to the area and looking for some nice company, give me a call and we can take it from there. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420353**

ALI, 35, slim-build, fit, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, loving and caring, very genuine, n/s, enjoys swimming and walking my dog, looking for a similar n/s guy for friendship/LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420373**

DIVORCED female, 55, seeks easy going male in Chelmsford area between 55 and 65. Must be non-smoker, have own car and house. **Text only to mailbox no: 5345180**

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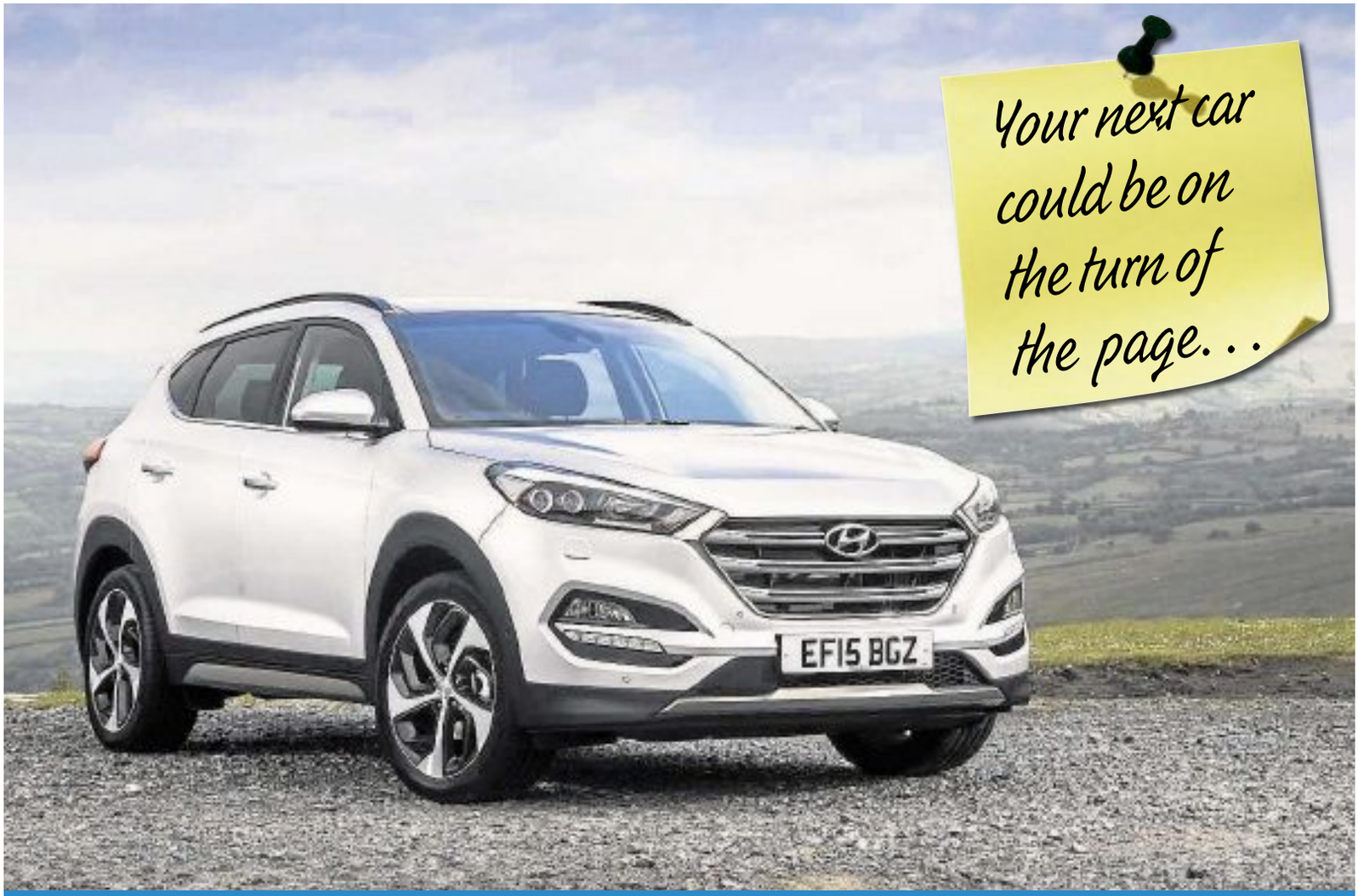

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Jaguar launches all-wheel drive XF

The all-new XF's torque on-demand all-wheel drive (AWD) system will, for the first time, be offered with the clean, refined, 2.0-litre four-cylinder Ingenium diesel. Jaguar's torque on-demand all-wheel drive system with Intelligent Driveline Dynamics delivers an exceptional blend of agility, performance and efficiency

The combination of dynamic and traction benefits of AWD with the responsiveness and fuel efficiency of the 180PS/430Nm Ingenium engine and eight-speed automatic transmission makes the all-new XF an even more compelling choice in the business segment with CO2 emissions of 129g/km.

In normal driving, all of the engine's torque is sent to the rear axle. Compared to permanent all-wheel drive systems this preserves real-wheel drive dynamics and agility, ensures that steering feel remains uncorrupted, and also reduces parasitic losses in the driveline.

Control over when torque should be transferred to the front axle – and how much – is determined by Intelligent Driveline Dynamics (IDD) – a highly sophisticated technology designed, developed and calibrated entirely in-house. IDD continuously estimates the friction between the tyres and the road surface, and also how much of the available grip is being exploited at each tyre contact patch.

First used on the F-TYPE AWD, IDD is integrated into the transfer case and can apply predictive, feed-forward control strategies as well as reactive, feedback control. IDD is also networked to the Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) system, the torque vectoring system and Jaguar Drive Control.

If IDD predicts that the rear axle is approaching the limit of available traction, torque is transferred to the front axle. Torque can also be transferred to the front axle to help mitigate oversteer during fast cornering by providing yaw damping.

Together with impressive fuel economy of 57.7mpg and CO2 emissions of only 129g/km, the AWD diesel model can achieve 0-60mph in 7.9 seconds. The 180PS Ingenium engine's maximum torque of 430Nm – one of the highest ratings in the class – is generated from just 1,750rpm, delivering strong mid-range acceleration and outstanding real world performance. Maximum speed is 138mph.

For AWD-equipped XFs, Adaptive Surface Response (AdSR) technology can replace Rain, Ice, Snow mode in the Jaguar Drive Control and optimises the mapping of the throttle, automatic transmission and DSC system to suit the type of surface.

Developed from Jaguar Land Rover's world-leading, award-winning Terrain Response technology, AdSR ensures that the vehicle is set up to fully exploit the available traction, improving driver confidence in even the most challenging conditions, such as ice-covered roads.

The combination of AWD and AdSR together with Jaguar's revolutionary All Surface Progress Control system is unique in the segment and ensures that the all-new XF delivers outstanding all-weather performance and capability.

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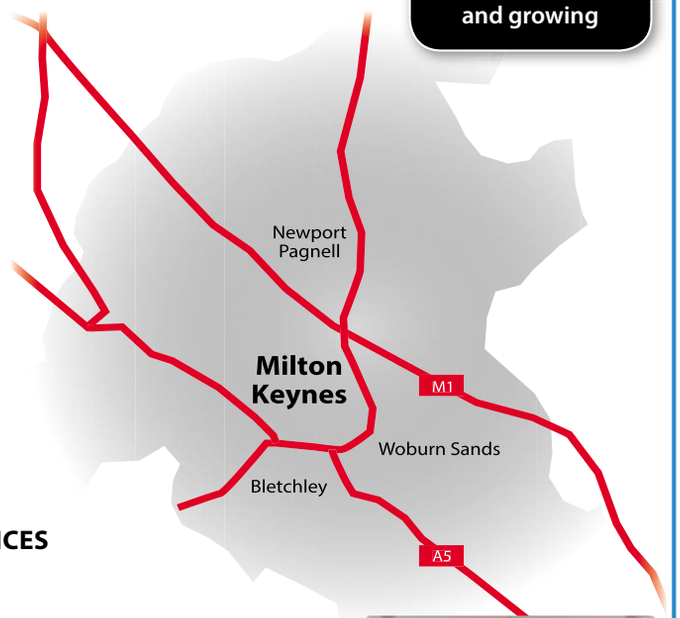

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Hyundai Tucson

SEE YOU IN TUCSON?

Until the arrival of this Tucson model, Hyundai's idea of a Qashqai-style family Crossover model was encapsulated by its ix35. That car sold quite well but somehow, never quite captured the imagination of the buying public. The Tucson though, is a leaner, meaner-looking contender that might well catapult the Korean brand into credible contention in this important growing segment.

People have come to expect a lot when it comes to driving Crossover cars. Although they want a lofty perch, they also want to feel like they could be driving a hatchback. The Tucson delivers exactly this blend of virtues, hence its very road-biased suspension setup - and the overwhelming emphasis on two wheel drive models across the range.

We'll be driving this car soon but early indications are that all bases are covered when it comes to engines with a good selection of both petrols and diesels. At the lower end of the range, there's a choice of a 132PS 1.6 GDi petrol or a 116PS CRDi 1.7 diesel. Move a little higher and you can upgrade to a turbocharged 1.6 GDi with 177PS. Diesel fans will find a 2.0 CRDi with either 136PS or 185PS. If you want 4WD, then you'll need the turbo petrol or one of the 2.0-litre diesels.

That 4WD system is fine for slippery surfaces but don't expect a great deal of mud plugging ability. As usual with Hyundai models, there's the option of varying the feel of the steering feedback, via different modes.

It's in this area that Hyundai has arguably made the biggest step forward. With an imposing hexagonal grille and sleek Santa Fe-style headlights, the Tucson is a good looking Crossover. The wheelarches are pulled backwards which, along with the rising windowline and prominent creases in the flanks, adds some athleticism to the side profile. The overall look may not be as overt as you'd find with some rivals but you could never call it dull and the effect is especially nice with the 19" wheels fitted to Premium models.

Climb aboard and the overall fit and finish is a big improvement on the ix35, with a well laid out (if unadventurous) dashboard with a hint of BMW X3 about it. If you find the interior a little dark, then there's the option of a cream lower half to the fascia which does brighten things up significantly. Mechanically, it's all very conventional which is no bad thing but does mean the Tucson can weigh in excess of 1500kg before you've even sat in the driver's seat. With 513-litres of seat up boot space available (or slightly less if you go for 4WD), the Tucson comfortably beats Nissan Qashqai and Renault Kadjar direct rivals. Fold the seats down and this capacity increases to 1503-litres (or 25-litres less for 4WD). Rear seat space is good, although the rear doors are a little on the small side.

So, what do we have? The tough looks of an SUV, the sensible practicality of a 5-seater mini-MPV and the affordability of a family hatchback. These are the facts behind a Tucson model good enough to attract many new buyers to the Hyundai brand.

It's nicely built, efficient to run and quite capable in 4WD form of getting everywhere any ordinary family driver might want to go. No, it's not perfect - a class-leading family hatch might offer slightly sharper handling and better all-round visibility - but these aren't deal-breaking issues. More important will be this model's competitive pricing and lengthy warranty. It's a Hyundai of the modern era. And that makes it a very impressive car indeed.

FACTS AT A GLANCE

CAR: Hyundai Tucson
PRICE: £18,995 - £32,695
INSURANCE GROUP: 15-25
CO2 EMISSIONS: 119-170g/km
PERFORMANCE: (1.6 GDi 132PS) 0-62 11.5s/max speed 113mph
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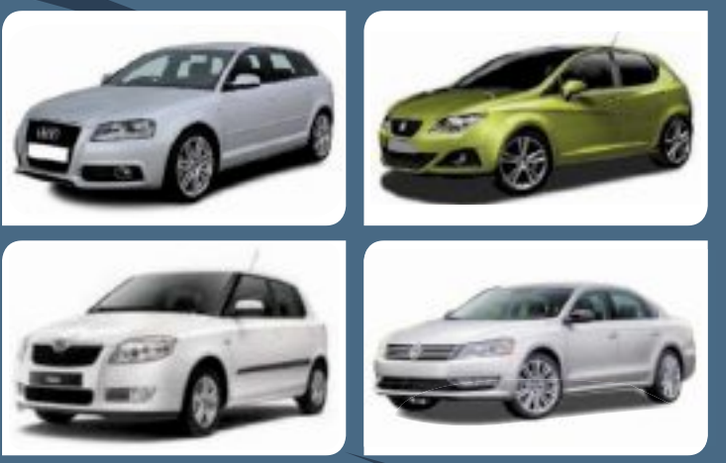

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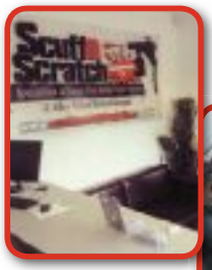

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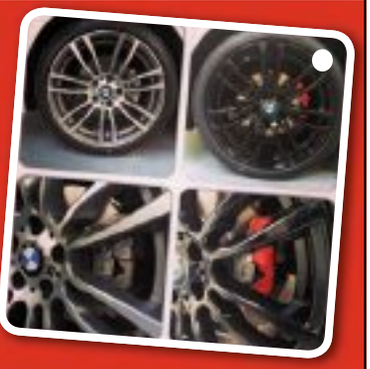

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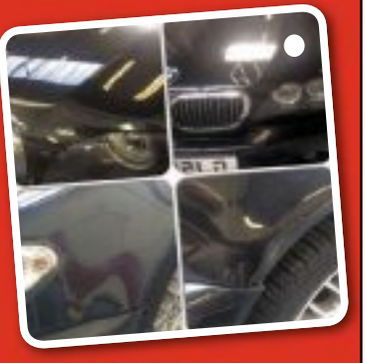

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ICE HOCKEY

Top spot getting closer

MK LIGHTNING have edged closer to the top of the English Premier League following a fantastic weekend double victory over Guildford Flames.

With leaders Basingstoke Bison losing twice at the weekend, Lightning are now just two points behind – albeit the Hampshire outfit have two games in hand.

Lightning won both games against Flames 3-2 – at the Spectrum Centre coming back from 2-0 down to snatch the points with a Frankie Bakrlik goal with just over six minutes remaining.

It stretched their unbeaten run on the road to six games – the last loss coming in November at Bison.

A superb shot on the turn from Markku Tahtinen sealed a well-deserved victory for Lightning in Saturday's five goal thriller at MK Arena.

The match was a perfect advertisement for the sport as both sides produced some high quality hockey.

Tonight, Lightning go to Peterborough Phantoms for the second leg of the English Premier League Cup semi final – the scores tied 3-3 from the first game in Milton Keynes last week. Face off at 7.45pm.

Double delight: MK Lightning beat Guildford Flames twice to close the gap between themselves and table-topping Basingstoke Bison to just two points
Pic by Tony Sargent

The big games keep on coming for Lightning, after tonight's game they face a crucial trip to Bison on Friday night, the face-off being at 7.30pm.

Victory for Lightning could see them hit the top of the table, so there will be everything to play for in that tie.

On Saturday, Lightning entertain Sheffield Steeldogs at 7.30pm.

CYCLOCROSS

National Trophy Bowls MK over

Frost and snow: Cyclocross took place at the National Bowl at the weekend.
Pic by John Buchanan

THE sixth and final round of the Cyclocross National Trophy event took place at The National Bowl over the weekend

The action kicked off on a frosty Saturday morning with local clubs competing in the various age group categories of the Central league.

The potential stars of the future began proceedings with Team MK fielding a large number of junior riders in the U10s, U12s and youth categories.

In the vets 40-49 category Tim Bailey of North Bucks was victim of a mechanical issue, ending his race as conditions deteriorated. Again, lots of riders from Team MK, Corley Cycles, and North Bucks Road Club took part.

In the women's race Lisa Webb dominated early on, but a mechanical issue forced her to carry the bike over the line and settle for third.

On Sunday, it was the turn of the elite riders, who were greeted with snow for the sixth and final round of the national trophy.

Olympian and former national mountain bike champion Liam Killeen, of Specialized Racing Team, started as strong favourite. Killeen, fresh from adding the Cyclocross National Champions jersey to his collection, didn't disappoint, although he didn't have it easy with Matthieu Buolo, riding for Raleigh GAC, pushing him all the way to the finish.

The Frenchman attacked on the penultimate lap and for a moment it looked like he did enough, but Killen fought back to win. Buolo crossed the line in second place 46 seconds later, with David Fletcher, of the Pines Cycles-Felt-Enve Team, clinching third by just 10 seconds.

Hannah Payton, having chosen to skip the women's race as she prepares to compete for Team GB at the world championships, gave the other riders the opportunity for a win. Sophie Wright, 16, of Renvale RT stepped up to the plate to take the win. Remarkably, Wright only made her 'cross debut back in November. Ffion James set the early pace leading up to the final lap when Wright made her move; James, unable to respond, had to settle for second place, with Bethany Crumpton completing the podium.

RUGBY UNION

MK continue to push All Blacks with 69-0 win

MILTON Keynes stayed within one point of Berks, Bucks and Oxon Premier League leaders Gosford All Blacks as they ran out 69-0 winners over Hungerford.

Early on in the season MK played Hungerford at home in a keenly-contested match that ended in an MK victory 27-20. Since then, Hungerford have not had a great season while MK push on with their title hopes and as a consequence, the two teams were opposite ends of the table.

City started strongly in what became a bit of a one way contest with MK playing the better rugby and attacking Hungerford at every opportunity.

Try scorers included Michael Dean, Nathan Thomas (two), Andy Poole, Ben Fisher, Michael Fitzgerald (two), Lachlan Kerr, Dan Rolfe, and two from Dan Pearson.

Bletchley picked up a good 23-3 victory over basement club Swindon College Old Boys in Southern Counties North.

Olney lost their Midlands Two East (South) clash with Melton Mowbray 55-8, with a penalty and Phil Bowden getting Olney's try of the game. Olney are eighth in the table.

Olney Colts won 38-33 against Long Buckby in the Muddiman Cup 40th anniversary year, while Olney Ladies beat Old Leamingtonians 12-5.

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MK GT racing car team Napier Racing added another trophy to their already impressive collection of silverware for the 2015 season at the Autosport International Show at Birmingham NEC at the weekend.

Around 6,500 motorsport fans who subscribe to 'Motorsport Days' magazine voted lead driver and team owner Andy Napier 'UK Clubman Driver of the Year' in their annual online poll.

Motorsport Days editor Ben Whibley said: "Andy stood out from the crowd during the nomination process, with voters highlighting his great results in the Classic Sports Car Club championships."

Andy and the team will be back in 2016 stepping up a gear to race in the Britcar Dunlop Production Endurance Championship.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town were beaten 2-1 by Harborough Town in the United Counties Premier Division but they stay third in the league. In the Knock Out Cup, Olney Town lost 4-2 at Wisbech Town.

New Bradwell St Peter won 2-0 at Hadfield Town in the Spartan South Midlands Division One, while in Division Two, Wolverton Town won 3-2 at Amersham Town, and Clean Slate won 4-3 against Mursley United.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes Ladies beat bottom club Wallingford 2-1 in the South Clubs' Women's Hockey League and moved up to third in the league, while the men lost 2-0 at Oxford Hawks in the South Clubs' Hockey League.

BADMINTON

GABBY Adcock is aiming to move closer to a national record at the English National Championships in Derby when the competition takes place from February 5 to 7.

Adcock, fresh from her superb win in December with husband Chris at the World Superseries Finals in Dubai, will aim for Anthony Clark's record 12 English National Championship titles after winning her eighth last year.

She said: "I want to go for the record of national titles. It could be difficult with the Olympics in mind but I hope to get 10 in the bag at some point."

TABLE TENNIS

LEADERS Greenleys Monarchs have suffered only one defeat this season at the hands of club mates Kings but there was no such blip this time round as they ran out 8-2 winners.

MK Spinners closed the gap at the top to two points after whitewashing MK Powers for the third time.

Pick of the matches though was the draw between MK Walking Wounded and MK Kingpins, which featured the longest running individual rivalry in the discipline. Dave Murphy has been going head-to-head with Dave Allison since 1988.

MK Sasaki, who started the campaign with title aspirations, have fallen away badly in recent weeks but they were still too good for MK Phoenix, winning 7-3.

NETBALL

ZARA Everitt has been called up to the England U17 netball team, despite being just 15 years of age.

The Milton Keynes player, who used to train with MK Netters, will aim to take part in a Netball Europe Championships, which will take place in Gibraltar from March 4 to 6.

It is a tournament which England have dominated in recent years, with the youngsters having won the event in Hull last year, and Zara's call-up follows a training camp that took place in Sheffield recently.

The team will now meet at another training camp in February.

Zara plays netball for East and Hertfordshire Mavericks.

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Dons book a date with champions

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MK DONS booked an FA Cup fourth round date with Premier League champions Chelsea after they put Northampton Town to the sword with a 3-0 win.

Dons suffered a blow before a ball had even been kicked when Nicky Maynard was injured in the warm-up and just before half-time Matthew Upson had to be replaced. Dean Bowditch also had to be brought off after getting injured.

There was a lack of chances in the first-half as both teams tried to adjust to the freezing conditions.

But the second-half burst into life when the Cobblers thought they had a goal after David Martin was bundled into his own net.

A couple of minutes later Dons made the breakthrough when Bowditch was fouled by Zander Diamond and Ben Reeves slotted the resulting penalty home to put Dons in front.

Substitute Josh Murphy doubled Dons' advantage just before the hour when he shrugged a defender off the ball and calmly finished. Simon Church then scored an 89th minute spot kick to wrap up the win.

Dons made it three home league wins out of four on Saturday as Joe Walsh's acrobatic volley helped them to a 1-0 victory over Reading.

And they will look to make it three wins out of three on Saturday when they travel to beleaguered basement club Bolton Wanderers.

The clear-out of players continued this week with Sergio Aguza leaving the club by mutual consent, while Mark Randall was released and joined Barnet.

Goal number three: Simon Church takes a penalty

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Netting a win: Ben Reeves, *above*, and Dons players celebrate scoring.
Pictures by Andy Handley

Baggaley looking to defend ping pong title

ANDREW Baggaley will defend his World Championship of Ping Pong title when the Alexandra Palace tournament begins in London on Friday.

The MK table tennis player, 32, took home the jackpot last year and the competition proved to be a breath of fresh air for him last season.

Ping pong differs from table tennis in the way the scoring takes place and the sort of bat that is used, so it provides Baggaley with a different challenge, which he says he is looking forward to.

"It's different to what I normally do but I really like it and it's very refreshing," said Baggaley.

"It recharges my batteries physically and mentally because I'm in England for my preparation and I can control my diet better.

"Last year it really lifted me having known that I got over the line in another sport and I can play with freedom and give it my best shot."

It kick-starts a big year for Baggaley, who will be looking to qualify for the Team GB Olympic squad for Rio 2016 in the summer.

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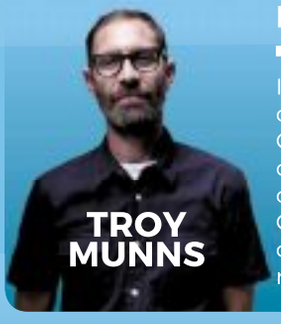

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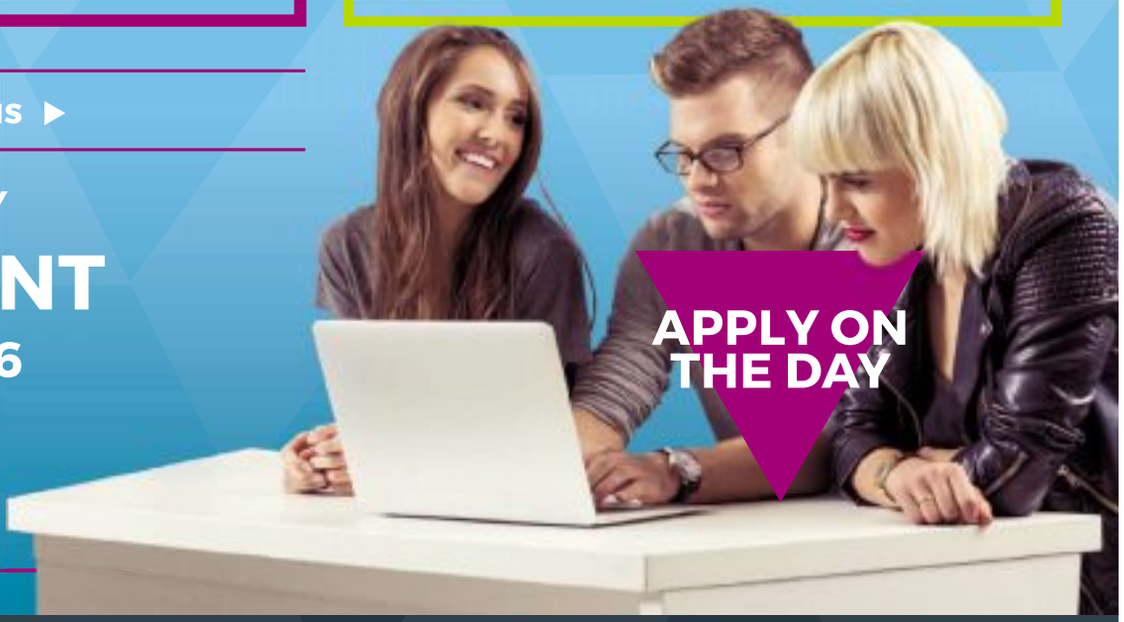

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